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SETTING UP OF MEDICAL INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts have expressed concern over the lack of science institutes in the country ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up more institutes like PGIMER to train medical professionals ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) There are a number of basic/applied science institutes being run in the Universities belonging to State/Central Governments. In so far as medical institutions, there are 241 Medical college institutions and 205 Dental college institutions in the country.

Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it is proposed to set up one AIIMS-like institution each in the states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal. Apart from providing medical treatment in speciality/Super speciality discipline, these Institutions will provide under-graduate medical education / PG/ doctoral courses in various speciality /Super speciality discipline. It will provide a fillip for raising the prevailing standards of medical education and provide a capable medical workforce of not only medical graduates but also well-trained specialist and super-specialists comparable to the level of those coming out of AIIMS. Necessary clearances are being obtained for implementation of the PMSSY Scheme.